Howland Wood - Curatorial

Melish, Thomas G.

[Cincinnati, OH]

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Curator Box 6

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Cincinnati Musical Center
Commemorative Coin Assoc
312 United Bank Bldg.
Cincinnati Ohio

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March 16, 1936.

Cincinnati Musical Center
Commemorative Coin Association
312 United Bank Bldg.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

We note that Congress has before it a bill for the issuance of commemorative half dollars sponsored by your organization. If and when you get out any commemorative pieces we would like to subscribe to two of the Philadelphia mint and two of any of the branch mints that are issued. On receipt of notification from you we will send you our check for the necessary amount.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Cincinnati
Musical Center Commemorative Coin Ass'n

OFFICE OF
THOMAS G. MELISH, PRESIDENT
312 UNITED BANK BUILDING
PHONE MAIN 4123

CINCINNATI, OHIO,
March 18,1936

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th & 156th
New York,New York

Thanks for your interesting letter under recent date. Please be advised that our Bill authorizing the Cincinnati Commemorative Coin has passed the Senate, and has been reported out of the House Committee. It is now on the House calendar, but we do not know exactly when it will be voted upon.

If and when this Bill passes, we will immediately get in touch with you. Our Committee has not as yet set a price on these coins (P, S and D mints). No price will be set until we are authorized to issue them. You can be quite sure that your name and address has been recorded as a preferred customer.

Cordially yours,

CINCINNATI MUSICAL CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N.

Thos. G. Melish

TGM:GTW

THOMAS G. MELISH, President

P.S.

We believe that these coins will be very rare, as probably only 2000 of the D and S mints will be issued. The value will probably advance in price very rapidly. We expect to try if possible to keep the coins out of the hands of speculators.

March 24, 1936.

Cincinnati Musical Center
Commemorative Coin Association
312 United Bank Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen: Attention: Thomas G. Melish

I beg to thank you for your reply of March 18th. If you do not mind taking the advice from a disinterested source we would like to make the following suggestions. We note that you are possibly contemplating an issue of 2,000 coins each from the Denver and San Francisco mints. By issuing this very limited number we think you are courting trouble for yourself besides much criticism and abuse. At the present time there may be possibly 10,000 collectors of commemorative coins.(This however is a fairly good guess.) The demands coming in are so far in excess of 2,000 that you may be in a quandary how to apportion these, as Cincinnati people who are not collectors will absorb a large number of the pieces. There will be very few to go to numismatic subscribers. Countless checks will be returned and much criticism will result.

This has happened in several recent instances such as the Daniel Boone's for last year, one or two others issued this year and the last instance was Rhode Island. Although they issued 20,000 Philadelphia and 15,000 each from the branch mints the demands By Rhode Islanders were so great they were sold out before the first day was ended and very few collectors got any. So much complaint has been sent to the government that it is possible that an end may be made to commemorative coins.

Very truly yours,

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Curator

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OFFICE OF
THOMAS G. MELISH, PRESIDENT
312 UNITED BANK BUILDING
PHONE MAIN 4123

CINCINNATI, OHIO,

March 26,1936

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway, Between 155th & 156th
New York,New York

My dear Mr.Wood:

Thanks very much indeed for your courteous favor under date of March 24, and the sound advice contained therein.

Our Coin Bill has passed both the Senate and the House and will now be referred to the President. If he signs it we will have the pleasure of distributing these Cincinnati coins, and we intend to try our "level best" to distribute them fairly, to everyone.

Before the Bill passed, certain changes were made and if we are permitted to issue both the Denver and San Francisco mints, we will issue a larger quantity than the original Bill called for.

The writer who has been a collector of Commemorative coins for a great many years is of course familiar with the recent adverse criticism which has arisen.

Of course the distribution of the Rhode Island coin was in our opinion, a very unfair arrangement. Practically all the coins were sold to large distributors who were chiefly interested in the speculative possibilities, The writer ordered 24 sets of each mint, to take care of our members of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association. Our checks were sent about three months ago, were accepted by the R.I. Committee and deposited. Our order was acknowledged, and we had every reason to believe that we would secure the coins.

Our money and the money of numerous other collectors was of course used to purchase the coins, but instead of delivering them to us, the coins were diverted in large quantities to speculators. One of the members of the Rhode Island Committee is said to have received about 10,000 sets. No wonder, therefore, the coins did not reach very far in taking care of collectors.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society

Cont::::

Not one single set of the coins was delivered to me by the Rhode Island Committee, despite the fact that they had the use of my money for approximately three months.

That is one way of doing it, but we question the ethics of a distribution of this character.

If and when the Cincinnati coins are distributed they will not be distributed in that manner. Our Committee has decided to sell no coins to speculators.

We appreciate the kindly advice you have given us, and will do all we can to avoid the adverse criticism which has arisen regarding recent distributions.

We beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

THE CINCINNATI MUSICAL CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N

THOMAS G. MELISH, President

TGM:GTW

April 11, 1936

Mr. Thomas G. Melish,
312 Union Bank Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Melish:

I understand that Cleveland is contemplating getting out a commemorative coin. If this is so, we would like three copies of all varieties. Also, we would like three instead of two copies of the Cincinnati ones.

Any time you wish we can send you the money in advance on receipt of the exact amount.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

Mr. Thomas G. Melish,
Cincinnati Musical Center
Commemorative Coin Association,
312 United Bank Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please place our name on your list for the three Cincinnati Commemorative half dollars. One set to:

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Another set to:

Mr. Howland Wood
137-17 Franklin Avenue
Flushing, L.I., N.Y.

and another set to:

Mr. Robert Robertson
% American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

On receipt of notice, checks will be sent to you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

Cincinnati
Musical Center Commemorative Coin Ass'n

OFFICE OF
THOMAS G. MELISH, PRESIDENT
312 UNITED BANK BUILDING
PHONE MAIN 4123

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th & 156th
New York, N.Y.

CINCINNATI, OHIO,
April 14,1936

My dear Mr. Wood:

Please be advised that we have placed your name on our preferred list, and will in due time send you an order blank so that you can order a complete set of Cincinnati Commemorative Half-Dollars.

Our Committee will meet within the next few weeks and establish the price at which these coins will be sold. We believe that it will be possible under the law which passed Congress and has been signed by the President to issue these coins at the Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco mints.

We do not want you to send us any money at this time, but you can be quite sure that your name is on our preferred list and that you will be duly notified before the coin is advertised or offered for public sale.

We appreciate the interest you are taking in this commemorative coin, and beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

CINCINNATI MUSICAL CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N.

Thos. G. Melish

THOMAS G. MELISH,
President

TGM:GTW

This acknowledges your letter of April 11th. Please be advised that if you want the additional two sets for friends that you send us their names and addresses or have them write us direct, as only one set is being alloted to each collector.

OFFICE OF TREASURER
THOS. G. MELISH
105 E. THIRD STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO

TELEPHONE MAIN 4123

THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASSOCIATION

Mr. Howland Wood- Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th & 156th Sts.
New York, New York

April 14,1936

My dear Mr.Wood:

Please be advised that the writer will be the distributor of the Cleveland Centennial Commemorative Half-Dollars (Great Lakes Exposition), if and when issued.

There will be only one design and they will all be struck at one mint (probably the Philadelphia mint). There will be only one date, namely 1936.

We have placed your name on a preferred list and when the coins are ready for distribution we will send you an order blank before the coin is advertised in a general way. This arrangement will positively insure you in protecting your requirements. When we send you the order blank you can send us a certified check or postal money order.

In order to cover the cost of dies, drawings, and distribution the coins will probably sell for $1.50 each, but the price will not be established until the coin bill has passed both Houses (it has already passed the Senate). We are not in a position to accept any money at this time.

Thanking you for this opportunity to protect your interests in this Commemorative coin, we beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,
THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N.

Thos. G. Melish

TGM:GTW

THOMAS G. MELISH, Treasurer
105 E. Third Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio

P.S.
Although the issue will be limited we believe we will be in a position to take care of both you and your friends, but it might be wise for you to register the names and addresses of your friends with our Committee at this time so as to be sure they will secure their requirements.

April 16, 1936

Mr. Thomas G. Melish,
The Cleveland Centennial Commemorative Coin Ass'n.,
105 East Third St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I desire to place the following orders for the Cleveland Centennial Commemorative coin:

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Very truly yours,

Curator

MW ks

Cincinnati
Musical Center Commemorative Coin Ass'n

OFFICE OF
THOMAS G. MELISH, PRESIDENT
312 UNITED BANK BUILDING
PHONE MAIN 4123

CINCINNATI, OHIO,

American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th
New York, N.Y.

April 18, 1936

Please be advised that we have placed your name on our preferred list, and will in due time send you an order blank so that you can order a complete set of Cincinnati Commemorative Half-Dollars.

Our Committee will meet within the next few weeks and establish the price at which these coins will be sold. We believe that it will be possible under the law which passed Congress and has been signed by the President to issue these coins at the Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco mints.

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YOUR NAME IS ON OUR LIST !!

CINCINNATI, OHIO,

Dear Collector:

We enclose herewith order blank which will entitle you to order one complete set of Cincinnati Commemorative Half-Dollars. A set consists of three coins one from each mint (Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco). The price established by the Committee is $7.50 plus 25¢ to cover the cost of the display container with cellophane slide front, in which the coins will be packed, together with the cost of postage and insurance.

The Cincinnati coin was designed by the celebrated sculptress Miss Constance Ortmayer of Washington, D. C. It is a very beautiful design.

Only one set of Cincinnati commemorative coins can be purchased by each collector. The issue has been very greatly over-subscribed, so please do not ask us to reserve another set for you.

A check or postal money order for $7.75 must accompany your order. If by any chance you do not want to purchase this set which has been allotted to you we will appreciate it if you will return the order blank to us so that we in turn can send it to some other interested collector. There will, unfortunately, be none left for dealers. We are sorry that the issue is so small that it will be impossible to take care of everyone. We beg to remain

Very cordially yours,

CINCINNATI MUSICAL CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N.

Thos. G. Melish

TGM:GTW

THOMAS G. MELISH, President

P.S. The order blank enclosed herewith will be automatically cancelled if not returned within three days after it reaches you.

N.B. Distribution will be made about July 15th to 20th.

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May 15, 1936

Mr. Thos. G. Melish,
105 E. Third St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Melish:

Your order blank for the Cleveland Centennial half dollars just received and I am filling it out for seven coins and am enclosing a check for $10.92.

For your records these pieces are 1 for the American Numismatic Society, 1 for C. B. Bush, 1 for Columbia University and one for the Swedish Numismatic Society, Stockholm.

Very truly yours,

Curator

hw ks
ENCL.

OFFICE OF TREASURER
THOS. G. MELISH
105 E. THIRD STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO

TELEPHONE MAIN 4123

THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASSOCIATION

YOUR NAME APPEARS
ON OUR LIST !!!

Dear Sir:

THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN BILL recently passed by the Senate and the House was signed by President Roosevelt May 5, and is now public law No.552. We estimate that it will be about a month or perhaps six weeks before we can actually distribute these Cleveland coins, which will all be minted at only one mint.

THE PRICE HAS BEEN SET AT $1.50 PER COIN, plus the cost of packing, postage and insurance. We enclose price list herewith numbered and dated which will enable you to purchase sufficient coins to take care of your requirements if this order with check attached is returned to us within five days from the receipt thereof. The order blank is automatically cancelled if not mailed to us promptly.

IF YOU SEND US YOUR CHECK NOW your order will positively be filled when the coins are delivered to us by the Mint. We are familiar with the methods employed in some of the recent distributions but as our coins will not be sold to racketeers or speculators you will be absolutely sure to secure the coins ordered if you place your order now, with check or postal money order. We have already been approached by a speculator who wished to buy the entire issue. We advised him that we were not interested.

When these coins are released to the banks in Ohio we anticipate that the entire issue will be sold within one to three days. All orders will be filled in the rotation received. If you get left on this issue it will be your own fault, not ours.

Looking forward to the pleasure of taking care of your requirements, we beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,
THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N.

Thos. G. Melish

THOMAS G. MELISH, Treasurer
105 E. Third Street,
CINCINNATI, OHIO

TGM:GTW

P.S.
Please note your order is to be sent to Cincinnati (not Cleveland). No acknowledgment will be sent, unless you enclose stamped and addressed envelope.

We are particularly anxious to take care of the members of A.N.A. and Associated Clubs.

COIN CLUB

AND

DEALERS ORDER BLANK

ORDER NUMBER 199 MAY 13 ,1936

THOMAS G. MELISH, Treasurer
Cleveland Centennial
Commemorative Coin Assoc.
105 E. Third Street
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Dear Sir:

Please enter our order for Cleveland Centennial Half-Dollars as follows:

_____ 25 coins @ $1.54 each -Total...$ 38.50

_____ 50 coins @ $1.53 each -Total... 76.50

_____ 100 coins @ $1.52 each -Total... 152.00

_____ 200 coins @ $1.51 each -Total... 302.00

_____ 500 coins @ $1.50 each -Total... 750.00

The above prices include packing, postage and insurance or express charges.

We enclose check herewith in the amount of $_____ to cover coins checked above.

Very truly yours,

NAME._____

STREET_____

CITY _____

STATE_____

OFFICE OF TREASURER
THOS. G. MELISH
105 E. THIRD STREET
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105 E. Third Street,
CINCINNATI, OHIO

TGM:GTW
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May 18, 1936

Mr. Thomas G. Melish,
105 E. Third St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Melish:

I have just received a second one of the order blanks for the Cleveland Centennial coin. As we sent in our complete order the other day, I am returning this one as you might want to use it elsewhere.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
ENCL.

OFFICE OF TREASURER
THOS. G. MELISH
105 E. THIRD STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO

TELEPHONE MAIN 4123

THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASSOCIATION

American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 155th Street,
New York, New York

May 25,1936

Gentlemen:

You will note from the letter-head that the writer is the sole distributor of the Cleveland Commemorative coins (Great Lakes Exposition). I would like to join your association and take pleasure in enclosing check for $5.00 herewith. To be perfectly frank the principal reason for joining your association is to secure from you a complete list of your members, so that we can send each and everyone of them a circular letter regarding our commemorative coin.

The writer is a member of the A.N.A. and is also one of the Board of Governors of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association and the Columbus Numismatic Society. I am hoping therefore that you will be able to send us your membership list, as we feel that many members of your society will wish to secure these commemorative coins which incidentally will be exceedingly scarce. Advance reservations are being made so rapidly that we believe the coins will last only a few days when they are placed on public sale. We enclose circular letter herewith which explains this coin, and the price at which we are selling it. If you issue a monthly bulletin you will no doubt wish to make mention of this coin in your next issue.

We might also consider advertising the coin in your issue although probably an advertisement will not be necessary to sell the entire issue. If you issue a monthly bulletin please insert the enclosed advertisement and render bill for same.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter, we beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N.

Thos. G. Melish

THOMAS G. MELISH, Treasurer

TGM:GTW

105 E. Third St-Cincinnati, Ohio

May 27, 1936

Mr. Thomas G. Melish,
105 East Third Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Melish:

I am a little at a loss to know why both I and the Society have received second order blanks on the Cleveland Centennial Commemorative coins, unless possibly the order we sent first, with check for $10.32 for seven of these half dollars did not reach you. This order looked after those for the Society, Mr. Bush, Mr. Robertson and Columbia University.

If you did not get our original order on one of your yellow sheets, please let me know at once. I do not remember receiving any order blank as yet for the Cincinnati pieces.

Very truly yours,

Director

DEF:kw

June 1, 1936

Mr. Thos. G. Melish,
105 East Third Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Melish:

Supplementing Mr. Noe's letter, I am sending you a copy of our last Proceedings. As he said, nearly all of the active collectors in our Society belong to the Association or one of the local coin clubs. You will note we do not give street addresses but those living in towns and small cities would probably get their mail without a street address, although it is very doubtful if many living in New York would get their mail. However, with the case of New York, those that do not belong to other associations are for the most part artists who do not collect coins, certain wealthy people who are not collectors but are members of our Society.

We have received here today several more order blanks for the Cleveland coins. As stated previously our order for several of these and check were sent some time ago. In my last letter I asked you to notify us if you did not receive previous order and check.

We do not issue any magazine; therefore we have no means of advertising your half dollar. Virtually the only numismatic magazine, as you well know, is the Numismatist.

Very truly yours,

Curator

NW ks

OFFICE OF TREASURER
THOS. G. MELISH
105 E. THIRD STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO

TELEPHONE MAIN 4123

THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL
COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASSOCIATION

June 1,1936

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks very much for your courteous favor under date of May 26. Please be advised that the order which was sent in by your society was received (seven coins -$10.92). As soon as the coins are received from the mint they will be forwarded to your society.

A second order blank was sent to you individually because your name appeared on the list of the members of the A.N.A. and we have sent a circular letter to every member of the Association, of which both you and the writer are members.

We have been trying to make a good job of the distribution so that everyone will be taken care of. It has however been a monumental job. Letters come in to us four times a day in bushel baskets, and we have about six or seven stenographers on the job trying to keep up with the correspondence.

The Cincinnati order blanks have not as yet been sent out as we do not know as yet how many coins we will receive from the various mints. It will be perhaps about two weeks before these order blanks are sent, but your society is on the list.

Cordially yours,

THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N.

THOMAS G. MELISH, Treasurer

TGM:GTW

105 E.Third St-Cincinnati,Ohio

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THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASSOCIATION

June 4,1936

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway-Between 155th& 156th
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks very much for your nice letter under date of June 1, enclosing a copy of your last Proceedings, which we will find useful at this time.

Please be advised that your order for Cleveland coins was duly received and entered.

Thanks for the information you were kind enough to give us.

Cordially yours,

THE CLEVELAND CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N

Thos. G. Melish

THOMAS G. MELISH, Treasurer

TGM:GTW

105 E.Third - Cincinnati,Ohio

Aug. 1, 1916

Mr. Thos. G. Melish,
105 E. 3rd Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Melish:

This is to let you know that up to date we have not received the Cleveland coins that we ordered. I am writing this simply as a number of them are around New York and if the package is lost strayed or stolen I wanted you to know it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

Telegram Surprised

Thomas H. Melish
United Banks Bldg
105 East Third St.
Cincinnati Ohio

Sent 3/7/32 11:11 A.M.

Cleveland coins just received.

am. Numismatic Survey

Cincinnati
Musical Center Commemorative Coin Ass'n

OFFICE OF
THOMAS G. MELISH, PRESIDENT
312 UNITED BANK BUILDING
PHONE MAIN 4123

CINCINNATI, OHIO

August 7, 1936.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th & 156th Sts.
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Thanks for your courteous inquiry under date of August 5. We are now in receipt of your telegram announcing that the Cleveland coins arrived. We thought they were very beautiful so we are hoping that you are pleased with them.

It took seven stenographers and three clerks to handle the distribution. Already 24,800 of the 25,000 issued, have been sent out. The remaining few hundred will only last a day or two.

The next big job will be the Cincinnati coins. The Philadelphia minted coins reached us about ten days ago and the Denver coins arrived the early part of this week. The San Francisco coins were shipped a few days ago and we expect them Monday or Tuesday at which time distribution will start. It will probably take us about a week to send them out.

The sale has been a landslide. The coins were tremendously over-subscribed and all order blanks have been sent out and most of them have been returned promptly.

Cordially yours,

CINCINNATI MUSICAL CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N.

Thos. G. Melish
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Thos. G. Melish, President.

TGM:mml

August 10, 1936

Mr. Thos. G. Melish,
312 United Bank Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Melish:

Many thanks for your letter of August 7th. The coins came a few days before my telegram while I was away and were mislaid and forgotten. I trust I caused you no inconvenience by my first letter.

We are very much pleased with the pieces and trust the Cincinnati ones will equal the standard you set for the Cleveland ones.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

August 19, 1936

Mf. Thomas G. Melish,
312 United Bank Bldg.,
105 East Third Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Melish:

We have received the three Cincinnati coins. These include the Society, Rush, Robertson and myself.

I think you have produced a most creditable coin. The shoulder of Stephen Foster might have been shown a little more but I want to congratulate you on the simplicity, sspecially of the reverse.

You have undoubtedly received the Long Island piece and I think there is no comparison between the two.

Again congratulating you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

August 20,1936

Mr. Howland S. Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway -Betw. 155th & 156th
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Wood:

This will acknowledge your courteous letter under recent date. We are glad you were so pleased with the Cleveland coins.

All the Cincinnati sets have now been distributed. If your set has not as yet reached you, it will no doubt be there within the next few days.

Cordially yours,

CINCINNATI MUSICAL CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS&N.

Thos. G. Melish

THOMAS G. MELISH, President

TGM:GTW

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CINCINNATI, OHIO
August 22, 1936.

Mr. J. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:

We are glad that the Cincinnati coins reached you promptly, and that you liked our method of packing.

We have had a number of very nice comments regarding the design, particularly the reverse, which as you say, shows simplicity and beauty. The coin was designed by Miss Constance Ortmayer, of Washington, D. C. who is a very talented young sculptress. The coins were struck very high, and the Mint complained that they would not stack. But who cares? No one will have enough of them to stack anyway!

The writer also commented on the shoulder of Stephen Foster, but the artist insisted upon making a design which would look more like a medallion or medal than a 50 cent piece, as she wanted something unusual.

We objected more to the small "o" at the left of the head of Stephen Foster, as we thought it looked more like a blemish on the coin than an "o". This "o", however, represented Miss Ortmayer's method of signature, and when you employ a designer at a very fancy price it seems that you have to accept their ideas in the matter. The Mint authorities seemed to think it was the most beautiful commemorative ever designed.

We had another artist design the Cleveland coin, and it seemed to meet with a great deal of pleasant comment.

Cordially yours,

CINCINNATI MUSICAL CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASS'N.

Thos. G. Melish
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Thos. G. Melish, President.

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